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**From:** Corr, Elizabeth [Corr.Elizabeth@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 5/9/2021 4:01:58 PM  
**To:** Bates, William [bates.william@epa.gov]; Bergman, Ronald [Bergman.Ronald@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Hill request for USE IT briefing  
**Attachments:** ConsolidatedAppropsAct2021\_USE IT.pdf; FW: FY21 Omnibus Summary - EPA Equities ; RE: DOE Loan Office - Saline Formation Report release Dec, 2020; RE: omnibus question

Hi Ron and Bill,

EPA is preparing to brief the Hill on the status of our work under the USE IT Act, please see email thread below. (I thought I forwarded this to you on Friday as I was heading out to the vax site, but do not see it in my Sent box—apologies.) I have replied to Greg to remind him that on the saline formations report to congress there was not an agency-level decision about which AAship has the lead; and also re-sent him the exchange we had about the DOE report. (Those emails attached – I had to refresh my memory on both points). I will follow up with a phone call to him tomorrow, Monday morning, to make sure he has whatever he thinks he needs on that front.

Other than the above, is there anything else in the Act that includes a role or requirements for OGWDW and is there anything that suggests we should be involved in this briefing?

Thanks,

Elizabeth

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**From:** Spraul, Greg <Spraul.Greg@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Hill request for USE IT briefing

Elizabeth,

The first step on this will probably be an internal meeting to talk about it. We don't really have anything to tell the committee since the law just passed. We probably have equities in one of the reports but I think as you've mentioned before ORD is probably the better lead. Feel free to share with your team to see if they have any thoughts on where office of water fits in to this law.

Begin forwarded message:

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**Subject:** Hill request for USE IT briefing

Hi All,

Radha got a request for a briefing on EPA's progress in implementing the USE IT Act. I'm reaching out to you because your office may have a role in USE IT.

USE IT was a part of the FY2021 Omnibus signed into law at the end of last year.

The request for a briefing originated with SEPW minority, but EPA will invite a larger set of offices given the bipartisan interest in both chambers. We're aiming to provide the briefing in the next couple of weeks.

I'll give you a call next week to discuss what, if any, work your office may have initiated from USE IT. If nothing has been started, let me know. In addition, it might be useful for us to talk as a group as well. Based on feedback from your office and feedback from Radha, I'll come up with some parameters for any kind of briefing that is provided. I welcome any feedback you might have.

Attached is the USE IT language and here is a brief list of USE IT EPA provisions:

- Directs EPA to establish a competitive prize program that awards funds to direct air capture research projects to reduce CO2 from stationary sources.
- Authorizes the establishment of a Direct Air Capture Technology Advisory Board of experts to advise the Administrator.
- Requires EPA to prepare a report regarding carbon dioxide storage in deep saline formations, in consultation with DOE.
- Directs GAO to submit a report to Congress, not later than 5 years after enactment, identifying Federal grant programs regarding carbon capture and utilization technology research and examining any overlap or duplication.
- Requires DOE, in consultation with EPA, to carry out a research, development, demonstration, and commercialization program for carbon utilization.
- Directs DOE and EPA to have the National Academies conduct a study examining the barriers and opportunities related to commercial application of CO2.
- Not later than 180 days after enactment, CEQ, EPA and other Departments will also compile a report on relevant Federal permitting and review information for project developers in the carbon capture, utilization, sequestration (CCUS) space.
- Serve on a task force established by CEQ that will identify successes and challenges faced by developers and operators of CCUS projects and CO2 pipelines, and make recommendations to improve the permitting and regional coordination for efficient, orderly and responsible development of such projects.

Former EPW Chairman Barrasso's press release highlighting USE IT becoming law has some context. It's available [here](#). Attached is the OCIR email that went out to EPA and program office leadership on EPA items in the FY2021 Omnibus.

Let me know if you have any questions or need any more info. Talk to you next week - -

Karen.

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